

"As new travel regulations start to take effect in the coming weeks and years, anyone planning an international trip of any kind should check the State Department's web site to be sure they have all the necessary identification materials. My offices are always available to provide assistance if travelers run into difficulties obtaining these identification documents," said Farr.

DEADLINES BEGIN ON JANUARY 23, 2007

Beginning January 23, 2007, ALL persons, including U.S. citizens, traveling by air between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda will be required to present a valid passport or other acceptable federal documents (Air NEXUS card, U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Document, or an Alien Registration Card) for reentry into the United States.

Passport forms can be obtained at most Post Offices.

Find a location: <http://iafdb.travel.state.gov/>

New Passport form online: <https://pptform2.state.gov/DS11/MainDS11.aspx>

Print out form for new passport (PDF):

<http://foia.state.gov/FORMS/Passport/ds0011.pdf>

Other Helpful websites:

<http://travel.state.gov>

<http://www.getapassportnow.com>

Passport info - toll free

1-877-487-2778

The passport requirement does NOT apply to U.S. citizens traveling between the U.S. and its territories.

U.S. territories include Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Swains Island, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Also, as early as January 1, 2008, ALL persons, including U.S. citizens, traveling between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Bermuda by land or sea, may be required to present a valid passport or acceptable federal documents for reentry into the United States. Please review the travel requirements of the country you are visiting as they will have their own regulations.

If any constituent has trouble obtaining a passport or other federal documents, they can contact one of Rep. Farr's offices in Salinas, Santa Cruz or Washington D.C. for assistance or try his website, www.farr.house.gov .